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SUBJECT: FMS KUWAIT: TOW MISSILE

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1. DOD ADVISES TOW MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS CAN NOW BE
MADE AVAILABLE IN FOLLOWING QUANTITIES:

(A) THREE LAUNCHERS, ONE TRAINER, FIFTY MISSILES,
ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING PERSONNEL WITHIN
NINETY DAYS OF DATE GOK SIGNS L/O;

(B) THREE LAUNCHERS AND FIFTY MISSILES EACH MONTH FOR
THREE MONTHS FOLLOWING INITIAL INCREMENT;

(C) BALANCE OF PACKAGE (38 LAUNCHERS AND 1600 MISSILES)
TO BE DELIVERED OVER A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 18 MONTHS
FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF FIRST 12 LAUNCHERS AND 200 MISSILES.

(NOTE THAT LAUNCHER AND TRAINER ARE CRITICAL ITEMS;

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ADDITIONAL MISSILES MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE AHEAD OF

THIS SCHEDULE.)

2. CURRENT ESTIMATED PRICE OF LAUNCHERS ARE DOLLARS 29,500 EACH, MISSILES DOLLARS 3,500 EACH. ESTIMATED COST FOR ENTIRE PACKAGE IS DOLLARS 11.5 MILLION.

3. IF THIS ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY TO GOK, L/O WILL BE PREPARED IMMEDIATELY UPON NOTIFICATION.

4. YOU SHOULD STRESS TO GOK THAT SUPPLY OF THESE ITEMS IS EXTREMELY SHORT, AND PRELIMINARY INCREMENT OF 12 LAUNCHERS, 200 MISSILES AND ONE TRAINER CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY BY DIVERSION OF PRODUCTION FOR US FORCES. HOWEVER, THAT QUANTITY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE NECESSARY TRAINING AND MINIMUM OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY WHILE AWAITING DELIVERY OF BALANCE.

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